

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA DIVISION

John S. Stritzinger,	)	C/A No. 3:15-1938-TLW-PJG
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	<b>ORDER</b>
v.	)	
	)	
Travis County, Texas; Katherine Wright, <i>On</i>	)	
<i>Behalf of Minor Children LLS, JWS, HMS,</i>	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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This is a civil action filed by a *pro se* litigant. Under Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2) (D.S.C.), pretrial proceedings in this action have been referred to the assigned United States Magistrate Judge.

By order issued on May 29, 2015, the court allowed Plaintiff an opportunity to bring this case into proper form for initial review. (ECF No. 9.) Plaintiff complied with the court's order.

**PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE:**

Plaintiff submitted an Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs (Form AO240), which the court construed as a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (ECF No. 3-1.) A review of the motion reveals that Plaintiff should be relieved of the obligation to prepay the full filing fee. Therefore, Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted (ECF No. 3), subject to the court's right to require a payment if Plaintiff's financial condition changes, and to tax fees and costs against Plaintiff at the conclusion of this case if the court finds the case to be without merit. See *Flint v. Haynes*, 651 F.2d 970, 972-74 (4th Cir. 1981).

**CLERK OF COURT:**

The Clerk of Court is directed *not* to issue the summonses for service of process at this time.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

July 6, 2015  
Columbia, South Carolina

  
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Paige J. Gossett  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE